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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Joseph D. Rippolone                      Group Art Unit: 3651  
Serial No.: 10/681,696                                  Examiner: Tran, Khoi H  
Filed: October 8, 2003  
Title: PIPE STORAGE AND INVENTORY CONTROL CHEST

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to a non-final office action mailed on November 8, 2005 and to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 27, 2006. Please amend the application as follows.